
OCL Update



To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

As we start the new year, I hope that you all had a safe and joyous holiday season. For many of us, the holidays are a time to be spent with family and friends, reflecting upon events of the past year and trying to figure out what the year ahead holds. It is in this spirit of reflection that I write to you this month.

I would like to begin by paying tribute to someone who has been vital to the mission of NIH's Office of Community Liaison for the previous four years. For those of you who do not know, my assistant, Barbara McDonald, resigned in December. I have always made an effort to surround myself with excellent people, and in doing so, I realize that they will often be taken away to do bigger and better things. Barbara accepted a position at NIH's Office of Biotechnology Activities and is in the process of doing great things there. While she will definitely be missed by all who had the opportunity to work with her, I send her my congratulations and wish her the best of luck.

Here in the Office of Community Liaison, however, things have not slowed down. We are looking forward to another busy year of working with you to ensure that the voice of the community is heard throughout NIH. Currently, we are in the process of beginning to prepare the scheduled five-year update of NIH's 1995 Master Plan, which addresses the Bethesda campus' growth over 20 years. We plan to work closely with the NIH Office of Research Services, which is responsible for the Campus Master Plan, to keep you informed of progress and to make sure that your opinions are known and considered.

There are many other things going on in the Office of Community Liaison, as well. Two of the issues we are currently working on are the gas pipeline and the proposed temporary contractor parking lot on campus. I realize that these issues may be contentious, and I want to assure you that your thoughts and opinions are important and influential in the decisions made by the NIH. We have worked very hard to develop a positive and cooperative relationship, and it is in this spirit that we must work to resolve any and all issues that come before us this year. I encourage you to contact my office to let me know how you feel and what course of action you think the NIH should take on certain issues, and I pledge to make your feelings known.

Again, I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, January 18, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, Conference Room D on the NIH campus.

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Veteran NIH Scientist Wins Bristol-Myers Squibb Award

Bernard Moss, M.D., Ph.D., chief of the Laboratory for Viral Diseases at the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), received the Bristol-Myers Squibb Award for Distinguished Achievement in Infectious Disease Research on November 30, 2000, for his work in the mechanism of viral infections and for developing vaccines against viral diseases.



Award Winner Dr. Moss

“Dr. Moss clearly stands out as a leader in his field,” said Anthony Fauci, M.D., director of NIAID. “He has made many important contributions to our basic knowledge and understanding of viruses and viral infections. He is an outstanding choice for this award.”

Dr. Moss has devoted much of his work to the study of poxviruses, including the agent that causes smallpox. Throughout his research career, he has made many seminal contributions to understanding the molecular virology of these viruses, but he is perhaps best known for using a smallpox vaccine as a research tool for developing other vaccines. His work in this area has revolutionized vaccine research, and it has led to an engineered rabies vaccine that is used in Europe and the United States. Research on potential vaccines against HIV, malaria, and certain cancers is directly based on his discoveries. Dr. Moss has received numerous awards for his work and has been selected as one of *Science Digest's* 100 Most Innovative Scientists of 1985.

Dr. Moss has a medical degree from New York University and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been

with NIAID since 1966, when he joined the Laboratory of Biology of Viruses. From there, he has served as section head before becoming chief of the newly established Laboratory of Viral Diseases in 1984.

FAES Announces Spring Course Schedule

Want to brush up on some advanced science classes or learn how to paint or write better? Then take a few classes from the Foundation for the Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) at the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. FAES announced its spring schedule of courses, which will begin on January 29, 2001, and will run through May 18, 2001. Classes are open to all qualified persons, both government and non-government, and will be held in the evening on the NIH campus. A wide variety of topics are covered, from biochemistry and imaging sciences to languages and general interest courses. Although mail-in registration closed on December 29, 2000, walk-in registration is still possible from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. between January 3 and January 9 in Building 60, Suite 230. Tuition is \$100 per credit hour. Class schedules are available in the graduate school office in Building 60, Suite 230, in the foundation bookstore in Building 10, Room B1L101, and in the business office in Building 10, Room B1C18. The schedule is also available online at <http://www.faes.org>. For more information, visit the FAES Web site or call 301-496-7976.

NIH Provides Local Native Americans with Access to Online Health Information

As the world becomes more computer-savvy and familiar with accessing information on the Internet, some populations are left out of this technical trend—the elderly, the poor, rural populations, and some minorities, including Native Americans. To help combat this trend in the Washington, D.C. area, the NIH and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) are installing a fully-equipped computer laboratory with high-speed Internet access in the American Indian Cultural Center in Waldorf, Maryland. The commitments from these organizations include all hardware, software, Internet connectivity, and training. NLM Director Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., said

that this is the latest of several projects sponsored by NLM to connect underserved populations to health information on the Internet. Although several projects are already underway in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, Dr. Lindberg said, "it is especially gratifying to help those in need just a few miles from the library." Acting NIH Deputy Director Yvonne Maddox, Ph.D., said, "This facility is an important step in reducing health disparities and in improving the health status of an at-risk population by providing information."

Nearly 8,000 Piscataway Indians live in southern Maryland, and common health problems affecting this population include diabetes and high blood pressure. The American Indian Cultural Center serves as a venue for local tribes people to learn more about their cultural heritage, health information, job opportunities, and other cultural issues. Officials at the center, which houses a museum and a library, said they are pleased to be able to provide Piscataway tribal members with "timely and up-to-date" medical information.

NINDS Funds Neuroscience Research Programs at U.S. Minority Colleges

As part of its initiative to promote and enhance neuroscience research at minority institutions across the country, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and the National Center for Research Resources funded three new Specialized Neuroscience Research Programs (SNRPs) this fall. These programs, located at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Meharry Medical College in Nashville, and Hunter College in New York, seek to encourage graduate neuroscience education among minority students and to stimulate new research on brain and neurological disorders affecting minorities. Support for the SNRPs is part of a larger effort to improve the health of minority Americans and to eliminate healthcare disparities by funding new neuroscience research by and for minorities. Funding for the programs allows the institutions to build or enhance research facilities, to strengthen the research capabilities of faculty and students, and to develop additional neuroscience education programs.

2001 Montgomery County Women's Fair Scheduled for March

On Saturday, March 31, 2001, the NIH will once again support the annual Montgomery County Women's Fair—a leading forum on women's issues—which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Natcher Conference Center in Building 45 on the NIH campus. The fair, which features educational workshops, speakers on women's issues, exhibits, and networking opportunities, provides an opportunity for women to:

- Explore a variety of topics for personal and professional growth;
- Network with other business, professional, and home-based women; and
- Address relevant issues affecting women around the area.

The fair is a nonprofit event planned and coordinated by volunteers. Net proceeds from the event will be donated to women's charities in Montgomery County. Fair coordinators are now accepting applications for exhibitors, advertisers, and benefactors. For more information, call 301-496-1642 or visit the fair's Web site at <http://www.mcwomensfair.org>.

NIAAA Special Report on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse Now Available

The *10th Special Report to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol and Health*, developed by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), is now available to the public. Available in print and on the Internet, the report outlines alcohol's impact on society, and it highlights recent research advances on the causes, consequences, treatment, and prevention of alcohol addiction and abuse. Experts say effects include violence, automobile accidents, lost productivity, illness, and early death, costing our nation an estimated \$184.6 billion per year. The new edition focuses on advances made, since the last report in 1997, in the

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following research areas: genetics of alcoholism, heavy drinking during pregnancy and fetal brain development, preventing underage drinking, reducing alcohol-related traffic accidents, chronic alcohol use and the brain, damage to bodily organs, helping patients reduce alcohol use and related problems, and medications for treating alcoholism. To receive a bound copy of the 492-page report, write to NIAAA, Publications Distribution Center, P.O. Box 10686, Rockville, MD 20849-0686. The report can also be downloaded in sections from the Internet in a PDF format from the NIAAA Web site at <http://www.niaaa.nih.gov>.

Free T-Shirts for NIH Blood Bank Donors

The NIH Blood Bank urgently needs blood donations of all types this month during its transplantation season. Blood donors will receive free T-shirts as a special gift this month for their donations to the NIH blood bank. To make a donation, call 301-496-1048 or stop by the Department of Transfusion Medicine in Building 10, the Clinical Center, 1st floor, Room 1C713B.

Fresh Seafood Available Year-Round

The Salt River Lobster truck brings fresh fish and seafood to the NIH campus every Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all year long in NIH's 41B parking lot.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Maternal Care, Gene Expression, and Neural Development* by Michael Meaney, Ph.D., McGill University, Montreal, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/>.

January 8

NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Neuronal Phosphorylation in Brain Development and Degeneration* by Dr. Li-Huei Tsai, Harvard University Medical School, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Dr. Story Landis at 301-435-2232.

January 9

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Organizing Your Paperwork—From Clutter to Control*, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

January 10

National Library of Medicine History of Medicine Seminar Series: *Radium, Cancer, and the Meanings of Hope in Mid-20th-Century America* by Dr. David Cantor, 2–3:15 p.m., Conference Room B, Building 38, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-8878.

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Topical Microbicides: An HIV Prevention Strategy for the New Millennium* by Sharon S. Hillier, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/>.

January 16

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Dissection of the Retinoid Signaling Pathway: Cell Type-Specific, Temporally-Controlled, Targeted Somatic Mutagenesis in the Mouse* by Dr. Pierre Chambon, INSERM, Strasbourg, and College de France, Paris, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/>.

January 17

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Characters and Limitations of the CD8+ T Cell Response in Acute and Persistent Viral Infections* by Peter Doherty, Ph.D., F.R.S., St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/>.

January 18

2000–2001 Human Genome Lecture Series: *Ethical Issues in Gene Transfer Research* by Nancy King, J.D., University of North Carolina, 2–3:30 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-0911.

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Managing Emotions at Work*, noon–1:30 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

January 22

NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Ischemic Pre-Conditioning as a Model for Neuronal Plasticity* by Dr. Valina Dawson, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine,

noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Dr. Story Landis at 301-435-2232.

Manchester String Quartet Music Series: *Beethoven Quartet in A Minor, Opus 132*, 12:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Sharon Greenwell at 301-496-4713.

January 23

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Preparing Federal Application Materials*, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

January 24

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Signaling Through the EGF Receptor and the Establishment of the Dorsoventral Pattern in Drosophila Oogenesis* by Trudi Schupbach, Ph.D., Princeton University, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/>.

January 25

2000–2001 Association for Women in Science Seminar Series: *Strategies for Success in Science: Employment Opportunities for Scientists at Federal Agencies* by Michele April, V.M.D., M.S., U.S. Department of Agriculture; Myriam Medina-Vera, Ph.D., Environmental Protection Agency; and Kathryn Zoon, Ph.D., Food and Drug Administration, 4:30 p.m. refreshments, 5 p.m. seminar, Chapel, Building 60, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Dr. Marion Zatz at 301-594-2379.

January 26

NIH Director's Seminar Series: *Interferon Regulatory Transcription Factors: Roles in Ocular Autoimmune Diseases and Tumor Regression* by Dr. Charles Egwuagu, National Eye Institute, NIH, noon–1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-1921.

January 28

FAES Chamber Music Series: *Wolfgang Holzmair, baritone, and Russell Ryan, piano*, 4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, \$25 (\$10 for students/fellows), open to the public. For more information or for tickets, call 301-496-7975.

January 29

NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Endogenous Cannabinoids: Biochemistry and Pharmacology of a Novel Signaling System* by Daniele Piomelli, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater,

Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Dr. Story Landis at 301-435-2232.

January 30

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Negotiation Skills*, 12–1:30 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

January 31

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Actin Machinery: Pushing the Envelope* by Gary Borisy, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/>.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Montgomery County Expands Online Services

Residents of Montgomery County with computer and Internet access now have the convenience of purchasing transportation farecards, printing out maps and directions to County service facilities, and registering for recreation classes online. Montgomery County has expanded its interactive online services site, eMontgomery, which debuted last year, to include these new services. eMontgomery, which is located at <http://www.emontgomery.org>, provides consumers with information on government services, a guide for finding information, a payment center, and links to other County-operated facilities.

The eMontgomery site currently allows citizens to track permits, apply for jobs, and pay their property taxes—at any time of day, all from the convenience of home. Consumers can renew library materials, lease space in public facilities, and view live traffic video at key intersections from their computer. The site also offers a variety of other information, such as school closings, information on jury duty, and daycare. County officials say that future additions to the site include the options to pay parking tickets, register bicycles, renew hazardous materials handling permits, purchase permits, register recycling vendors, and more.

Student Murals Decorate Downtown Silver Spring

As the downtown area of Silver Spring undergoes a construction facelift, art students from area middle schools have helped to make the city look a little nicer during its revitalization effort. Last fall, selected art students from White Oak, Eastern, Col. E. Brooke Lee, and Sligo middle schools participated in Art on the Fence, a mural project designed to give the city a more visitor-friendly appearance during the construction process. Located along Fenton Street near Wayne Avenue, the murals portray the students' interpretations of "my community." In addition to improving the appearance of the construction fences, the murals also help promote Silver Spring as a community where art and culture can thrive.



Two residents admire Silver Spring's artistic talent.

Kensington Library to Host Classical Pianist, Chinese New Year Celebration

The Kensington Park Community Library will feature a wide variety of programs this month, from free blood pressure screenings to classical music concerts and a Chinese New Year Celebration. On Monday, January 8, concert pianist James Gibson will perform works by Chopin, Schubert, and other composers at 7 p.m., just prior to his New Zealand concert tour. Chinese dancing, music, letter writing, and more will be featured on Saturday, January 20, at 2 p.m. as the library welcomes the

beginning of the Chinese New Year. To join the library for some of its free programs, call 301-897-2211 for more information or for a schedule of events. The library is located at 4201 Knowles Avenue in Kensington, Maryland.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA Offers Parenting Classes

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA Bethesda Youth Services is offering three six-week parenting series, which are scheduled to begin this month. Each series costs \$15 and all classes will be held at the Ayr lawn YMCA at 5650 Oakmont Avenue in Bethesda, Maryland. The topics, times, and dates are listed below. For more information or to register, call 301-229-1347.

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. January 16-February 20 Parenting Teens

Parents can learn practical skills for raising teenagers in a group discussion format; sessions teach parents skills to help improve parent/teen relationships, to develop teenage self-esteem and self-reliance, and to promote responsible teenage behavior at home, in the school, and in the community.

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. January 17-February 21 Intercultural Parenting Issues in the Asian Community

Sessions focus on building self-esteem and assertiveness, ways to encourage communication at home, cultures in conflict, and authoritative, permissive, and democratic parenting styles.

Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. January 18-February 22 Communicating Success to Children

Strategies for effective discipline and encouragement for positively redirecting misbehavior will be taught; covered skills include developing effective consequences, listening, and communication, structuring choices, training children for responsibility, and ending power struggles.

Woman In Mind Opens This Month at the Roundhouse Theatre

The Roundhouse Theatre kicks off its 2001 season on January 17 with *Woman In Mind*—a funny, perceptive, and heart-breaking story of a middle-aged English housewife, trapped in a stifling marriage to a clergyman, who slowly goes mad. After a collision with a garden rake, she creates the perfect family in her mind and finds herself weaving in and out of the two worlds, losing touch with reality and living more in her imagination. The play runs from now to February 11, and show times are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets range from \$10 to \$28. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-933-1644.

County Offers Christmas Tree Curbside Recycling Through January

Now that the holidays have ended, don't miss your opportunity for curbside recycling of cut Christmas trees. In Montgomery County, cut Christmas trees will be collected along with other blue bin recyclables on regularly scheduled recycling days through January 31, 2001. Trees should be placed on the curb by 7 a.m. (Do not place in plastic bags.) Residents of condominiums and apartments should check with their property representative for specific recycling instructions. All tree decorations, including tinsel, garland, and ornament hooks must be removed, and no metal should be attached to the tree. Trees with root balls will not be collected. County officials will compost and chip the Christmas trees into mulch.

B-CC Chamber of Commerce to Host Business, Technology Expo

On January 26, 2001, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC) Chamber of Commerce will host a Business and Technology Expo at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in Bethesda, Maryland. The exposition is free and open to the public. Local business owners and office managers will have an opportunity to peruse various products and services offered by area businesses. The exposition, which offers one-stop shopping for business professionals, opens at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call the B-CC Chamber of Commerce at 301-652-4900.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/nichsr.html>

The National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology provides health care practitioners with access to the results of health services research. The center, which works closely with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, was established at the National Library of Medicine to improve the dissemination of research results, with a special emphasis on clinical practice guidelines. The Web site provides health care professionals with access to several online research databases, a search feature for those databases, links to additional research Web sites, and information on outreach and training as well as on research and development. For more information, call 301-496-0176.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Children Needed for ADHD Study

The Pediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health is looking for children aged 6 to 13, with and without an Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnosis, to participate in a movement study. Participants in the study should have no other history of medical, psychiatric, or neurological disorders (including seizures and hearing problems) and should not be taking any prescribed medication. The study requires a screening interview and neurological examinations, taking about three to four hours. All participants will be compensated. For more information, call Chris Barker at 301-496-5323.

Depression Study Subjects Wanted

Researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health seek healthy non-smoking adults aged 18 to 65 with current and past depression to participate in an evaluation study for possible heart disease and osteoporosis. Eligible participants will need to stay at least one night at the NIH Clinical Center and will receive a physical exam and metabolic studies. All participants will be compensated. For more information, call 301-496-5831.

Patients with Adult Macular Degeneration Needed

Doctors at the National Eye Institute seeks patients with the wet form of adult macular degeneration (AMD) (also called “bleeding AMD”) for a research study to test a potential new treatment. If you are 50 or older and have “wet” AMD, or if your current treatment for wet AMD has been unsuccessful, consider taking part in the study at the NIH Clinical Center. NIH provides all study-related eye exams and treatment at no charge. Call 1-800-411-1222 for more information.

Speech Disorder Study Seeks Recruits

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke seeks adults and children aged 5 or older who stutter or have family speech disorders

for an experimental study of the causes of these disorders. The NIH researchers offer speech, voice, and language testing and provide payment for those who take part in the study at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222.

Interpreters Sought

The NIH Clinical Center Volunteer Office is in need of in-house language interpreters to serve as back-ups when others are not available. The interpreters would assist patients and their families who are not fluent in English on an “on-call” basis. Knowledge of medical terminology is particularly helpful. Speakers of Spanish, Arabic, Farsi, and French (Haitian/Creole) are particularly needed. To help, call Andrea Rander at 301-496-1807.

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